NOTICE OF EMERGENCY RULE PROMULGATION

AGENCY: Department of Marine Resources

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 M.R.S.A. Sections 6172 and 6192

RULE PROMULGATION: DMR Regulation 95.03 T, Closed Area No. 18-G, Northern Quahog Bay,

Harpswell:

TEXT OF RULE: DMR Regulation 95.03 T, Closed Area No. 18-G, Northern Quahog Bay, Harpswell.

1) Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels taken from the shores, flats and waters of Quahog Bay, west of a line beginning at Pinkham Point and running northeast to the north tip of Pole Island, then running north to Tondreaus Point, then running due west to the opposite shore.

- 2) Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels taken from the shores, flats and waters of Quahog Bay, east of a line beginning at the point of land on the southeast end of Rich Cove, then running southwest to the north end of Ben Island; AND north of a line beginning at the south end of Ben Island, then running due east to the opposite shore.
- 3) Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels taken from the shores, flats and waters of Quahog Bay, north of a line across the mouth of Brickyard Cove.

Violation of any provision of this regulation shall be a Class D Crime (12 M.R.S.A. Section 6204).

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 3, 2004

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STATEMENT OF FACT AND POLICY

The Commissioner of the Maine Department of Marine Resources promulgates the emergency DMR Regulation 95.03 T, Closed Area No. 18-G, Northern Quahog Bay, Harpswell. This new regulation describes the closure on the western shore of Quahog Bay and the closure on the eastern shore of Quahog Bay, which were previously described in the DMR regulation for Closed Area No. 18-F. This is partly an administrative change. This new regulation also describes the new closure of Brickyard Cove in Quahog Bay due to failing water quality.

The closed areas are subject to microbiological pollution from point and non-point pollution sources, which poses a threat to public health.

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